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REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for carefully reviewing the case and indicating the allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 24, 26 and 30 have been amended. Claims 4, 6, 17-23 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5, 7-16, 24-26 and 28-30 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-5, 17, 18, 20-22 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Arbaugh, et al., "A Secure and Reliable Bootstrap Architecture", ("Arbaugh").

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the reference and the pending claims. However, for the sake of expediting issuance of this case, Applicant amends independent claims 1 and 24 to include the subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn. Furthermore, Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of breadth similar to that of the cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 19 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Arbaugh.

Claim 19 is indicated as allowable by the Examiner. See Office Action, page 5,

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item number 6. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 23 has been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of breadth similar to that of claim 23 in one or more continuation applications

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

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Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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